
Minutes
Workshop Meeting
February 24, 2015

Present: Mayor Pro-Tem Jeff Turek, Councilmen Garth Nisson, Kress Staheli, Thad Seegmiller, Ronald Truman, City Attorney Jeff Starkey, City Manager Roger Carter, Deputy Recorder Tara Pentz, IT Director Steven Whittekiend, IT Technician Kelly L. Carlson GIS Technician Dale Simper, Leisure Services Director Barry Blake, Human Resource Director Ruth Holyoak, Power Director Kelly Carlson, Police Chief Jim Keith, Audience: Alexander Scheffel, Christopher Howard, Edrian King, Dakota Busk, Samantha Howard, Haylie Baxter, Maddie Gates, Dani Sandoval, Cierra Parkinson, Tayvia AhQuin, August Wood, Abbie Dickie, Kaysha Price, Kye Norafelt, Carol Stiedaman, John Stiedaman, Solinda Larsen, Kristi Howard, Britt Howard, Mike Swallow

Meeting commenced at 6:00 P.M.

Excused: Mayor Kenneth F. Neilson

1. Approval of the Agenda.

Councilman Staheli made a motion to approve the agenda. Councilman Seegmiller seconded the motion; which passed with the following roll call vote:

<i>Councilman Nisson</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Councilman Seegmiller</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Councilman Staheli</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Mayor Pro-Tem Turek</i>	<i>Aye</i>

2. Discussion and review of outdoor smoking policies in City Parks. Washington County Youth Coalition

Members of the Washington County Youth Coalition reviewed their Outdoor Smoking Policy.

Councilman Seegmiller asked if the Youth Coalition has a sample Resolution for review.

Abbie Dickie stated the South West Public Health Department has a Resolution available.

Councilman Staheli asked if we currently have a Resolution in place.

Mayor Pro-Tem Turek confirmed there is a resolution in place.

Councilman Staheli asked if an Ordinance would make any difference, since we currently have a Resolution in place.

City Attorney Jeff Starkey stated an Ordinance would not necessarily make a difference unless the document explains some type of penalty.

Mayor Pro-Tem Turek suggested having a designated smoking area in our parks, so as to allow those individuals who have an addiction the opportunity to still come out and recreate with their families.

Ms. Dickey stated there will still be the second hand smoke for those individuals who are near the smoking area.

Youth Council Member stated St. George City has a designation of no smoking closer than 50 feet of a gathering.

Maddie Gates stated 80% of smokers want to quit, so we could place quit now signs in designated smoking areas.

Mayor Pro-Tem Turek agreed this is a great thing, and the Council could definitely consider bring this back to Council for review.

Councilman Seegmiller stated he would like to have the currently Resolution brought back to Council, to see if any additional restrictions should be placed.

Mayor Pro-Tem Turek thanked the Youth Council Coalition for attending the meeting. He would like to invite those members back to Council when they review the Resolution.

3 Review of Sullivan Soccer Park design. Leisure Services Director Barry Blake

Leisure Services Director Barry Blake reviewed the proposed design for the Sullivan Soccer Park. They plan to have the project go out to bid on March 10th.

Councilman Staheli asked how much parking would be available.

Leisure Services Director Blake stated they have approximately 400 parking spaces.

Councilman Staheli asked if they plan to have grass for the project.

Leisure Services Director Blake stated we do have the water rights available and will be placing grass. Soil samples have already been collected, in order to allow for proper soil adjustment in the contract.

Councilman Staheli asked if we have anyone participating financially on the soccer fields or pickleball courts.

Leisure Services Director Blake stated we have a couple individual companies interested in both the soccer and pickleball courts.

City Manager Carter stated we want to be careful when we take financial investments, because companies feel they have an entitlement to the fields.

Leisure Services Director Blake stated he wants to ensure there are no strings attached if money is donated for development. We have been approached by a couple of associations, but until such time we have a design and costs, we are not prepared to consider negotiations. Any contributions would be brought to Council for consideration.

Councilman Seegmiller clarified at full buildout we will have 3 restroom facilities.

Leisure Services Director Blake stated there will only be two. One of the restrooms will be large enough to have small changing areas.

Council reviewed the details of the plan.

Councilman Nisson asked if there would be lighting for night play.

Leisure Services Director Blake stated all of the fields will be lit. They are very excited about the new facility.

4. Review of Washington City Website. IT Director Steve Whittekiend

IT Director Steve Whittekiend reviewed his proposed design for the Washington City Website. He asked for Council to submit to him ideas for items they would like to see included on our future design.

5. Review and discussion of Electrical Department Budget line items. Power Department Director Kelly Carlson

Power Department Director Kelly Carlson reviewed Budget Line Items with Council. The projections being presented are going to clear concept of what rate increases are going to be needed to keep us ahead of any issues.

Mayor Pro-Tem Turek clarified we are looking at a rate increase to fund a substation due to increased pressure from other areas.

Power Department Director Carlson clarified he was correct. The minute we go out to borrow money, there will be a rate impact. It is unavoidable.

City Manager Carter stated we are below the national average in power rates. Washington City has been managing exceptionally well.

Power Department Director Carlson explained he has worked very hard to keep Council informed, and he really wants to stress we cannot take too long to make decisions. The interested rate could change quickly, and we may end up with higher rates if we wait too long to make a decision.

Councilman Seegmiller stated when the Siemens project was originally presented they did not show a rate increase. However, the document shows Siemens did feel there was going to be a rate increase.

Councilman Staheli clarified Power Director Carlson was not in favor of the Siemens Project.

Power Director Carlson stated he was not in favor of the Siemens Project. He made note to Council if the Siemens Project was done, there would be an impact. He then completed his presentation with Council.

6. Discussion and review of recommended benefits for the FY 2015/2016. Human Resource Director Ruth Holyoak

Mike Swallow presented a powerpoint presentation with the salary rate matrix.

Human Resource Director Ruth Holyoak reviewed a powerpoint presentation on the recommended benefits for FY 2015/2016.

7. Review of Solid Waste Recycling program mandatory and opt-out costs. Councilman Seegmiller.

Councilman Seegmiller stated there are three ways to opt-out, which he reviewed with Council. Costs for participation were reviewed based on the percentages of opt-out citizens.

Mayor Pro-Tem Turek stated he appreciates having an opt-out option for residents.

Councilman Seegmiller stated there would be a meeting next week, and he will support the Council having an opt-out option.

8. Adjournment

Councilman Seegmiller made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilman Nisson seconded the motion; which passed with the following roll call vote:

<i>Councilman Nisson</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Councilman Seegmiller</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Councilman Staheli</i>	<i>Aye</i>


Councilman Truman Aye
Mayor Pro-Tem Turek Aye

Meeting adjourned at 9:42 P.M.

Passed and approved this 11th day of March 2015.

Washington City

Attest by:


Danice B. Bulloch, CMC
City Recorder




Kenneth F. Neilson, Mayor



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